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ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

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1. SUMMARY: DURING CND'S FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, USG'S
OBJECTIVES WERE SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCED. SUMMARY OF SPECIFICS
IS SET FORTH BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. WORK AND REPORT TO ECOSOC OF CND'S FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION,
AS WELL AS ACTIVITIES RELATED DRUG CONTROL UNDERTAKEN
INFORMALLY ON OCCASION CND, ADVANCED USG'S OBJECTIVES IN
SEVERAL AREAS. FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL ACCOUNTING WHICH
AMBASSADOR VANCE, US REP TO CND, MAY WISH SUPPLEMENT.

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3. MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA WAS ELECTED

PRESIDENT BY ACCLAMATION, WITHOUT UNDUE VIOLENCE TO
CND'S LONG-STANDING CONVENTION REGARDING SUCCESSION TO OFFICER
POSTS. MEXICAN DEL WAS UNAWARE OF STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE
ROLE PLAYED BY AMB VANCE IN SECURING OJEDA'S ELECTION.

4. COMMISSION ADOPTED RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO ECOSOC
THAT EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH INCB STAFF OPERATES
DISTINCT FROM BUT IN TANDEM WITH DIV OF NARCOTIC DRUGS
SHOULD BE CONTINUED, INTER ALIA, ON GROUND THIS NECESSARY TO
ENSURE BOARD'S INDEPENDENCE AS REQUIRED BY SINGLE CONVENTION.
RESOLUTION, COSPONSORED BY 28 CND MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS, WAS
ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION. IN ITS REPORT CND MAKES CLEAR,
HOWEVER, THAT IT WILL CONTINUE MONITOR POSSIBILITY OF
STREAMLINING ADMINISTRATION OF DND AND INCB STAFF, BEARING
IN MIND NEED FOR ECONOMY AND MOST EFFICIENT AND EXPEDITIOUS
MANAGEMENT. REPORT ALSO EMPHASIZES DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
FUNCTIONS OF CND AND INCB WHICH COMMISSION CONSIDERED DO NOT
LEAD TO ANY OVERLAP IN FUNCTIONS OF THESE BODIES' RESPECTIVE
SECRETARIATS.

5. COMMISSION, WITHOUT OBJECTION, RECOMMENDED TO ECOSOC THAT
BIENNIAL CYCLE FOR CND REGULAR SESSIONS BE MAINTAINED BUT
THAT SPECIAL SESSIONS BE HELD IN ALTERNATE YEARS FOR DURATION
OF CURRENT DRUG CRISIS.

6. US DEL OBTAINED WIDE SUPPORT FOR ITS PROPOSED DEFINITION
OF PILOT INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROJECTS FOR FARMERS GROWING
NARCOTIC PLANTS, AND UNFDAC'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN
STATEMENT BEFORE CND EXPRESSED HIS AGREEMENT WITH PROPOSED
GUIDELINES. CND'S REPORT STATES COMMISSION AGREED THAT
EACH PILOT PROJECT SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN LIMITED AREA
REPRESENTATIVE OF LARGER NARCOTIC-PRODUCING REGION; THAT
PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THOSE REQUIRED TO
DEVELOP, TEST AND DEMONSTRATE INCOME-PRODUCING POTENTIAL OF
ADEQUATE NUMBER ALTERNATIVE INCOME SOURCES; THAT HOST GOVT
SHOULD GIVE ASSURANCES RESULTS WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, USING DOMESTIC RESOURCES TO EXTENT
POSSIBLE AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL SOURCES OF DEVELOPMENT
FINANCING. SUPPORT ALSO EXPRESSED FOR ADDITIONAL CONCEPT THAT
HOST GOVT SHOULD AGREE TO STRENGTHEN ITS NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCE-
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MENT EFFORTS IN PILOT PROJECT AREA.

7. PROGRESS WAS MADE TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION ENFORCEMENT
CRITERION IN PARTICULAR IN RELATION UNFDAC'S INCOME
SUBSTITUTION PROJECT IN THAILAND AND PROPOSED PROJECT IN
PAKISTAN. RE LATTER, PAKISTAN'S REP GAVE ASSURANCES TO
VANCE AND UNFDAC'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THAT STRONG ACTION
WOULD BE TAKEN TO PROHIBIT POPPY CULTIVATION IN AREA TO BE

ENCOMPASSED INCOME SUBSTITUTION PILOT PROJECT TO BE FINANCED BY UNFDAC IN BUNER (REF D). IN UNFDAC/RTG MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING EXTENDING THAI/UN CROP SUBSTITUTION PILOT PROJECT FOR TWO YEARS, RTG UNDERTOOK TO BAN POPPY CULTIVATION IN PROJECT AREA, ENFORCING BAN PROGRESSIVELY IN FIVE AREAS DEFINED IN MEMORANDUM (WHICH ENCOMPASS PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED "KEY" AND "SATELLITE" VILLAGES). RTG ALSO AGREED CONDUCT REGULAR AERIAL SURVEILLANCE IN THESE AREAS. UNDER UNFDAC/THAI AGREEMENT, RTG ADDITIONALLY AGREED ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITY FOR CROP REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO DEPT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND TO MAKE COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH AND IN KIND.

8. CND, ON PROPOSAL CANADA, MEXICO, US AND OTHERS, DECIDED THAT STUDY ON MEASURES TO REDUCE ILLCIT DEMAND FOR DRUGS WAS NECESSARY AND ASKED DND'S DIRECTOR TO UNDERTAKE SUCH STUDY ASAP WITH PARTICIPATION INTERESTED SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, STUDY TO BE FINANCED FROM GOVTS' VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND UNFDAC. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT PROJECT'S TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE NOW BEING ELABORATED BY CANADIANS IN CONSULTATION US AND MEXICO FOR PRESENTATION TO DND DIRECTOR AND UNFDAC).

9. ALSO ON DEMAND SIDE, CND AGREED THAT UNFDAC SHOULD PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DRUG ABUSE ASSESSMENT TO GOVTS REQUESTING SUCH ASSISTANCE AND REQUESTED UNFDAC AND DND TO DEVOTE ATTENTION TO DEVELOPING PROJECTS RELATED CONTROL OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW EXPECTED EARLY ENTRY INTO FORCE OF CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

10. DURING CND DEBATES REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN AT INADEQUACY OF WHO'S STAFF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOURCES NOT ONLY EFFICIENTLY TO CARRY OUT UNFDAC PROJECTS IN DRUG ABUSE AREA BUT ALSO TO ENABLE WHO TO ASSUME ITS ASSIGNED ROLE UNDER PSYCHOTROPICS CONVENTION. DEMARCHES WERE MADE BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS TO WHO LEADERSHIP TO STIMULATE EARLY REMEDIAL ACTION AND WHO'S REACTION WAS POSITIVE.

11. US TREASURY-INSPIRED RESOLUTION DESIGNED ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO MAKE FINANCING OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING A CRIME AND TO IDENTIFY CRIMINALS COMMITTING SUCH OFFENSES WAS RECOMMENDED UNANAMOUSLY FOR ADOPTION ECOSOC.

12. IN TALKS WITH PAKISTAN'S REP, INCB EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER LEAKAGE, THROUGH ILLICIT CHANNELS, FROM PAKISTAN TO WE OF LICITLY IMPORTED OPIATES AND RECEIVED ASSURANCE THAT GOP INTENDS TAKE STEPS STRENGTHEN CONTROLS

BY PERMITTING LEGAL IMPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION EXCLUSIVELY
UNDER GOVT CONTROL.

13. TALKS WERE UNDERTAKEN WITH INTERPOL AND WE REPS TO
ENCOURAGE EFFORTS DESIGNED ENHANCE INCREASED COOPERATION
TO STEM ILLICIT PRODUCTION AND SMUGGLING TO WE OF WE ASIAN
HERION AND LA COCAINE.

14. ON WORLD'S REQUIREMENTS OF OPIATES FOR MEDICAL
USE, CND GENERALLY AGREED WITH INCB'S CONCLUSION
THAT SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN 1973 AND 1974
SHOULD COME TO AN END AFTER 1975 HARVESTS AND THAT,
IN MEDIUM TERM, RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY WILL BE ADEQUATE
TO MEET INCREASED DEMAND. HOWEVER, CONSENSUS WAS THAT
CAUTION SHOULD CONTINUE BE EXERCISED SINCE STOCKS REQUIRE
REBUILDING AND THEREFORE THAT RESEARCH SHOULD BE
ACCELERATED TO IMPROVE ALKALOIDS YIELD PER UNIT OF
CULTIVATED AREA, ALTHOUGH BALANCE BETWEEN DEMAND AND SUPPLY
SHOULD NOT BE UPSET. SOME REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN
OVER ABUSE POTENTIAL OF PAPAVER BRACTEATUM AND
REFERRED TO NEED BRING THIS POPPY UNDER INTERNATIONAL
CONTROL AND STRENGTHEN TREATY CONTROLS OVER POPPY STRAW.
CND ASKED INCB AND UN NARCOTICS LAB TO REPORT TO
COMMISSION' 1977 SESSION. DALE

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